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GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM  
DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL  
GANGTOK

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NOTIFICATION

WHEREAS, the Sikkim Public Service Commission, (herein after referred to as the Commission) had conducted Preliminary Examination under the Sikkim Services (Combined Recruitment) Examination Rules, 2022 (herein after referred to as the said rules) on 16 January 2023 in various Centres located within the districts of Gangtok and Pakyong.

AND WHEREAS after the conduct of the preliminary examination, representations were received from several quarters alleging irregularities during the conduct of the said examination;

AND WHEREAS, considering the seriousness of the matter, an Internal Enquiry was conducted by the commission on the allegations and 07 candidates who were found guilty of using unfair means were debarred for a period of 8 months by the Commission;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Sikkim, vide Notification No.F(03)10/GEN/DOP dated 23/01/2023, also constituted a High Powered Committee to enquire into various allegations regarding irregularities in the preliminary examination;

AND WHEREAS, the High Powered Committee after inquiring into the matter made the following recommendations:-

1. "The Preliminary Examination held on 16/01/2023 be cancelled and held Afresh".
2. "Alternatively, the Commission may explore ways to conduct Mains Examination, duly permitting all those candidates who appeared in the Preliminary Examination if this alternative stands legal scrutiny".

AND WHEREAS, with a view to place all the aspiring candidates at an equal footing and to provide them an equal opportunity to compete in the examination as well as to avoid further loss of time, the State Government, in consideration of the recommendations of the High Powered Committee, feels it necessary and expedient to allow all the candidates (**who appeared in both sessions of the preliminary examination) excluding those candidates who have been debarred by the Commission** to appear for the Mains Examination directly duly relaxing Rule 16(i), and 17(ii) of the said rules and rule 2(iii) of the Plan of Examination attached to the said rules in the manner specified below as under:

- (i) Candidates who obtain such minimum qualifying marks in the Main (written) examination and/or Physical Endurance Test, as the case may be, as fixed by the Commission at their discretion shall be admitted to the Main (Personality Test-Interview) Examination.
- (ii) For the posts for which the Physical Endurance Test is mandatory, the Commission at its discretion shall conduct such test of candidates who have been declared successful in the Sikkim Services (Combined Recruitment) (Main) Examination after conduct of the same.
- (iii) Candidates admitted for personality test/interview shall be required to indicate the name of post/service to which the candidate is interested to be appointed in order of preference in the format prescribed by the commission.

AND WHEREAS, rule 24 of The Sikkim Services (Combined Recruitment) Examination Rules, 2022 provides for relaxation of any of the provisions of the rules;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by rule 24 of The Sikkim Services (Combined Recruitment) Examination Rules, 2022 the State Government is hereby pleased to relax the provisions contained in Rule 16 and Rule 17 along with Rule 2(iii) of Appendix I of The Sikkim Services (Combined Recruitment) Examination Rules, 2022 with a view to allow all the candidates **(who appeared in both sessions of the above examination) excluding those candidates who have been debarred by the Commission** to appear for the Mains Examination in the manner specified at (i), (ii) and (iii) above as a one-time measure.

**By Order and in the name of the Governor**

**Secretary to the Government of Sikkim  
Department of Personnel**